IX.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS WILD ELEPHANTS' PRESERVATION ACT, 1873 (BILL No. 7 OF 1933).

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Wild Elephants' Preservation Act, 1873 (Bill No. 7 of 1933)[a] and move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

" In the present Act, provision is made for the destruction of male wild elephants, but there is no provision for the destruction of female wild elephants in waste or forest lands. Under the Act such destruction is absolutely prohibited. It has been reported that the number of elephants has much increased in recent years and a considerable amount of damage has been done by them especially in Coimbatore district. It has been recommended that power should be taken to destroy female elephants in waste or forest lands under a licence issued by the Collector of the district. This Bill is to enable such a licence to be issued. We have also taken this opportunity to amend section 4 so as to make it clear that no licence is required for persons such as gun bearers and trackers who assist licensed persons to shoot male elephants."

T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU :—" I second it."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" I do not move the motion given notice of by me."

The motion that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 4 were put and carried.

The preamble was put and carried.

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, I beg to move that the Bill be passed into law."

The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

X.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES ACT, 1926 (BILL NO. 8 OF 1933).

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926 (Bill No. 8 of 1933)[b] and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

" In doing so, I wish to say that the object of this Bill is to modify the constitution of the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council to a certain extent by making it more representative of the nursing profession and also to see that the Public Health Department is represented on the Council. The Government are reducing the number of members to be nominated by the Madras Medical Council from 2 to 1 and allowing the Trained Nurses Association and the Nurses Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association of India (South India branch) to elect one representative each. This is the main object of the Bill."

The hon. Sir. M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I second it."

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*Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Mr. President, I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:— 12-30 p.m.

(1) Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar.
(2) Mr. C. Basu Dev.
(3) Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar.
(4) Mrs. K. Alamelumanga Thayaramma.
(5) Rao Sahib C. Jayaram Nayudu.
(6) Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar.
(7) Mr. H. M. Jagannatham.
(8) Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.
(9) Mr. A. Pl. N. V. Nadimuthu Pillai.
(10) Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan.
(11) Mr. G. R. Premayya.
(12) Mr. W. W. Ladden.
(13) Mr. E. Conran Smith.
(14) Mr. P. V. Krishnaiah Choudary.
(15) The hon. Sir Mahomed Usman.
(16) Mr. V. T. Arasu.

" Sir, it may appear that this Bill is a very short one and need not go before a Select Committee. I should like to state as briefly as possible why I have moved that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee. From the constitution of the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council I find that there has not been all these years a single Indian Nurse or Midwife on the council. I am conscious that some machinery should be provided by which Indian Nurses and Midwives can secure some representation on this body. From the latest list of nurses and midwives, published by the Registrar of Nurses and Midwives, I find that out of a total number of 780 nurses about 235 are Vernacular trained and 545 are English trained. Even among the number of English trained nurses, I believe there are about 100 Indian nurses and midwives. From the list of midwives published by the same authority for 1933, I find that out of a total number of about 1,660 midwives, 1,232 are Vernacular trained and about 428 are English trained ladies. In the latter category also there are large number of Indian ladies. When there are so many nurses and midwives, it is a sorry spectacle that no Indian lady has till now been successful in getting a seat on the council of this body. Therefore it is but meet that some provision should be made in this Bill to provide adequate representation for this large number of Indian nurses and midwives. With these remarks I move that the Bill be referred to a select committee composed of the members whose names I have already read out. "

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was referred to a Select Committee.